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WE CLAIM:

1. A salt-tolerant L-myo-inositol 1 phosphate synthase from *Porteresia* coarctata (PINO1), the nucleotide sequences and the deduced aminoacid sequence as given below (A)

A. Nucleotide and deduced aminoacid sequence of PINO1:

atgttcatcgagagcttccgcgtggagagcccgcacgtgcggtacggcggcggcggagatc MFIESFRVESPHVRYGAAEI gaqtoqqaqtacoggtacgacactacggagetggtgcacgagagccacgacggcgcctcg ESEYRYDTTELVHESHDGAS cgctgggtcgtccgcccaagtccgtccagtaccacttcaggaccagcaccaccgtcccc V V R P K S VQYHFRTSTTVP aaqctcqqqqtcatqctcqtqgqgtqgqqcqacaacagqctcaacqctqacqqctqqq K L G V M L V G W G G N N G S T L T A G gtcatcgccagcagggagggaatctcatgggcgaccaaggacaaggtgcagcaagccaac VIASREGIS WATED KVQQAN tactatggctcactcacccaggcgtccaccatcagggtaggaagctacaacggggaggag YYGSLTQASTIRVGSYNGEE atctacgcgcctttcaagagcctcctgcccatggtgaaccctgatgaccttgtgttcggg TYAPFKSLLPMVNPDDLVFG ggctgggacattagcaacatgaacctggctgatgctatgaccagggccaaggtgctggac G E D I S N M N L A D A M T R A K V L D attgatctgcagaagcagcttaggccttacatggagtcctggtgcctctccctggcatct I D L Q K Q L R P Y M E S W C L S L A S atgatocogacttoatogoogotaacoagggatocogogogaacaatgtoatosagggaa MIPTSSPLTROPARTMSSRE ccaagaaggagcagatggggcagatcatcaaaggacatcagggagttcaaggaaaataac PRRSRWGRSSKDI'R EFKENN aaaatggacaaggcggtggtgttgtggactgcaaacactgaaaggtacaacaattgtctg K M D K A V V L W T A N T E R Y N N C L tgtttgggcttaatgaccaatggaaaaccttctgcgtctgtggacaggaaccaggcggag CLGLMTNGKPSASVDRNQAE atategecategacattgtattgccattgccttgcttcattggagggtgtccgttcaata I S P S T L Y C H C L A S L E G V R S I TGALKKKSWPGIDDLAIKKK L P D P G G L I Q K R G K P K K K T G L gttgatttcctcatgggtgctggaataaagcccacctcaattgtcagttacaaccacttg V D F L M G A G I K P T S I V S Y N H L gggaataatgatggcacgaacctttctgcgccgcaaacattccgatccaaggagatctcc G N N D G T N L S A P Q T F R S K E I S aaaagcagcgtggtcgatgacatggtctcaagcaatgctatcctctacgagcctggcgag K S S V V D D M V S S N A I L Y E P G E catcotgatcatgttgtcgtgattaagtatgtgccgtacgtcggagacagcaagagggcc H P D H V V V I K Y V P Y V G D S K R A atggatgagtacacctcagagatcttcatggggggtaagaacaccatcgtgctgcacaac MDEYTSEIFMGGKNTIVLHN acotgogaggaotogotoottgotgoaocaatoattottgacotggtgotootggcogag T C E D S L L A A P I . I L D L V L L A E

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- 2. DNA sequence coding as claimed in claim 1 wherein the nucleotide sequences of PINO1 comprises of two additional amino acids resulting in a protein bearing 512 amino acids in comparison with RINO1, the L-myo-inositol 1-phosphate synthase from cultivated rice.
- 3. A process of obtaining a salt-tolerant L-myo-inositol 1-phosphate synthase gene comprising:
 - (i) Isolation of a full-length cDNA for the L-myo-inositol 1phosphate synthase gene from the leaf of *Porteresia coarctata* by reverse transcription followed by polymerase chain reaction;
 - (ii) sequencing of the isolated L-myo-inositol 1-phosphate synthase gene.
 - 4. A process as claimed in claim 3, wherein the isolated full-length cDNA of PINO1 is cloned into a suitable bacterial expression vector pET 20B(+) to produce expression plasmids.
 - A process as claimed in claim 4, wherein the said plasmids were introduced into the host strain E.coli BL-21 (DE 3) for obtaining an expressed PINO1 gene product.
 - 6. A process as claimed in claim 5, wherein the expressed PINO1 proteins are solubilized in a solubilization buffer containing 8M Urea, 0.5 M NaCl, 20 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5, 10 mM ME and 2 mM PMSF.